

Daily Digest

Highlights

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2997, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10171–S10255

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1759–1762, S. Res. 307–308, and S. Con. Res. 46. **Page S10217**

Measures Passed:

Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 942, to prevent the abuse of Government charge cards. **Pages S10243–45**

Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1037, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a five-year pilot project to test the feasibility and advisability of expanding the scope of certain qualifying work-study activities under title 38, United States Code, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 728, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10245–54**

Bennet (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2654, to improve the bill. **Page S10251**

National Runaway Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 308, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month. **Pages S10254–55**

Measures Considered:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S10181–S10212

Withdrawn:

McCain Amendment No. 2629, to prohibit the use of funds appropriated under this Act for the purpose of preventing individuals, wholesalers, or pharmacists from importing certain prescription drugs. **Pages S10182–88, S10192**

Rejected:

Vitter Amendment No. 2630, to prohibit funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. (By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 316), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10207–08, S10209–10**

Pending:

Vitter/Bennett Amendment No. 2644, to provide that none of the funds made available in this Act may be used for collection of census data that does not include a question regarding status of United States citizenship. **Pages S10192–95**

Johanns Amendment No. 2393, prohibiting the use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Page S10207**

Bunning Amendment No. 2653, to require that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by CBO 72 hours before consideration by any subcommittee or committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate. **Pages S10208–09**

Levin/Coburn Amendment No. 2627, to ensure adequate resources for resolving thousands of offshore tax cases involving hidden accounts at offshore financial institutions. **Page S10210**

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 2647, to require the Comptroller General to review and audit Federal funds received by ACORN. **Pages S10210–12**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 8, 2009.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Paul Joseph Fishman, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years.

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Patrick Gallagher, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

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Text of H.R. 3326 as previously passed: Pages S10228–43

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—316) Page S10210

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10255.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SECURITIZATION OF ASSETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions, after receiving testimony from Patricia A. McCoy, University of Connecticut School of Law Insurance Law Center, Hartford; George P. Miller, American Securitization Forum, Andrew Davidson, Andrew Davidson and Co, and J. Christopher Hoeffel, Commercial Mortgage Securities Association, all of New

York, New York; and William W. Irving, Fidelity Investments, Smithfield, Rhode Island.

SATELLITE HOME VIEWER EXTENSION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, after receiving testimony from Robert Gabrielli, DIRECTV, Inc., El Segundo, California; Stanton Dodge, DISH Network L.L.C., Englewood, Colorado; Paul A. Karpowicz, Meredith Broadcasting Group, Rocky Hill, Connecticut; and Lonna Thompson, Association of Public Television Stations, Arlington, Virginia.

CIVILIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the proposed agreement between the United States and the United Arab Emirates on civilian nuclear cooperation, after receiving testimony from Vann Van Diepen, Acting Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation, and Janet Sanderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, both of the Department of State; and Harold McFarlane, Deputy Associate Laboratory Director for Nuclear Science and Technology, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy, on behalf of the International Nuclear Energy Academy.

AL-QAEDA AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Al-Qaeda, focusing on Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Peter Bergen, New American Foundation, Marc Sageman, Foreign Policy Research Institute, and Bob Grenier, all of Washington, D.C.

2010 CENSUS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the 2010 census, focusing on a status update of key decennial operations, the delivery of key IT systems, preliminary findings on the results of address canvassing and the lessons learned from that operation that can be applied to subsequent field operations, and the Bureau's progress in improving its cost estimation abilities, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Groves, Director, United States Census Bureau, and Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; and